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SENATE RESOLUTION 32
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A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Dr. Charles Pinkston for more than forty years of honorable and astute service as a dentist.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, One such laudable individual is Dr. Charles Pinkston; for more than four decades, he has provided superior dental care to his community; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Meharry Medical College, Dr. Pinkston opened his practice in Orange Mound in 1957; he followed honorably in the footsteps of his father, Dr. Green Fort Pinkston, who practiced medicine in Memphis and Cordova for more than fifty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pinkston built his practice through hard work and grassroots advertising; in the early years, many of his customers came after hearing at local churches about his services; and

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WHEREAS, As he built his practice, this committed health care provider often kept his office open from 8:30 A.M. until whatever time he was finished with the last patient of the day; at one time, he was seeing up to thirty patients per day; and

WHEREAS, In the years that have followed, Dr. Pinkston has faithfully provided quality dental care at 2348 Park; now seventy-two years old, he has been the dentist of choice for multiple generations of local citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pinkston's patients are staunchly faithful to him due to his legacy of treating customers even when they could not immediately pay for his services; in the days when most of his patients did not have dental insurance, he would wait for the fee or accept the performance of odd jobs around his office as payment; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pinkston now shares his practice with his daughter, Dr. Toya Pinkston Dawson, who has been practicing for ten years; among his greatest admirers, she said, "He's a very giving person who serves the indigent and the poor. That is his role. He does not try to overcharge. He is very fair. If the patient says, 'I do not have any today,' he'll go ahead and pull a tooth. They will come back and pay later"; and

WHEREAS, A devoted husband and father, Dr. Pinkston is committed to the highest ideals of family and community values; and

WHEREAS, He is an extremely giving person who often reaches out to people who life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated community servant, and reliable friend and neighbor in Orange Mound; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we express our deepest thanks to Dr. Charles Pinkston for his many years of providing the best dental care to Tennesseans, while also reflecting upon the unsurpassed character with which he has performed his duties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish him much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.